

September 29, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Chairman, Wickenburg

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, October 6, 2000 - 1:30 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

PLEASE NOTE DATE AND REVISED START TIME

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Stuart Boggs at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2000</u>	2. Approve minutes of July 25, 2000.
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.		

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| <p>4. <u>Transportation Management Report</u></p> <p>Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed.</p> | <p>4. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p> | <p>5. For information.</p> |

CONSENT AGENDA

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| <p>*6. <u>Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program (TCSP)</u></p> <p>The TCSP program is a comprehensive initiative of research and grants to investigate the relationships between transportation and community and system preservation and private sector-based initiatives. States, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPO), tribal governments and other local and regional public agencies are eligible for discretionary funding to plan and implement strategies that improve the efficiency of the transportation system; reduce environmental impacts of transportation; reduce the need for costly future public infrastructure investments; ensure efficient access to jobs, services, and centers of trade; and examine private sector development patterns and investments that support these goals.</p> <p>All requests within this region should have the support or endorsement of MAG. Therefore, any requests for TCSP grants should be submitted to MAG by October 20, 2000, for review by the TRC at their October 31, 2000, meeting. Please see Attachment One for further information.</p> | <p>6. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>*7. <u>Implementation of 511 as the Statewide</u></p> | <p>7. For information and discussion.</p> |

Traveler Information Telephone Number

At least three hundred telephone numbers currently exist in the US to provide traveler information. To overcome the confusion caused by this array of numbers, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) petitioned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for a national assignment of a single, easy-to-remember three-digit dialing code, N11. On July 21, 2000, the Federal Communications Commission assigned 511 as the nationwide telephone number for traveler information. The FCC order has charged the US DOT to encourage a degree of uniformity across the country in what the traveling public can expect from 511.

Within Arizona, a Statewide 511 Task Force has been formed by ADOT to tackle the difficult issues of converting the State's existing traveler information telephone numbers to 511. The Task Force includes participation from ADOT, MAG, PAG, the Arizona Corporation Commission, as well as Qwest Communications and other Local Exchange Carriers and wireless communications carriers. The Task Force is in the process of putting together an application to participate in a U.S. DOT program that provides funding assistance for 511 conversions. The goal of the Task Force is to have the 511 number in service by Spring 2001 (see Attachment Two).

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

8. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

MAG Freeway Program Management will address issues related to the Freeway Life Cycle Program. The status of the FY 2001-2007 Life Cycle Program will be reviewed.

8. For information.

9. Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Highway and Transit Projects Submitted for Federal Funding

The process to develop the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program began on September 11, 2000, when MAG staff received 196 valid applications for federally funded projects, totaling \$296 million. There are 86 CMAQ funded projects, 10 requests for STP funds and 100 requests for federal transit funds. CMS and emission reduction and cost effectiveness scores have been determined on those projects so eligible. All projects will be reviewed by their respective modal technical advisory committee and final modal rankings will be provided to the TRC at the October 31, 2000, meeting for recommendation for funding. Attachment Three provides a memorandum providing an overview of the focus of CMAQ funding and a complete list of all projects submitted.

9. For information and discussion.

10. RTP Consultant Selection

At its meeting of July 26, 2000, the MAG Regional Council authorized the advertisement for consultant services to support development of a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In response to the Regional Council's action, MAG issued a request for proposal (RFP) for consultant services. MAG received three proposals in

10. For information, discussion and recommendation of a consultant firm to the MAG Management Committee, Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee, and MAG Regional Council to assist MAG in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan.

response to the RFP. The three consulting teams include: (1) Parsons Brinckerhoff, Transcore, Gunn Communications, and Goodman/Schwartz; (2) URS and BRW, Curt Lueck Associates, VRPA Technologies, and Selena Barlow Marketing Consultant; (3) Wilbur Smith Associates, Kimley Horn and Associates, RH & Associates. Copies of the proposals were subsequently distributed to a fourteen member RTP Advisors group and internally to key MAG staff for review and comment. The RTP Advisors group includes representatives from MAG's policy, modal and technical committees, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Interviews with the three firms by MAG staff and the RTP Advisors are scheduled for October 4, 2000.. MAG staff will provide the results of the evaluation process and the recommendation regarding consultant selection via facsimile to the Transportation Review Committee by October 5, 2000.

11. Loop 303 Update

Staff will provide an update on the traffic forecasts for the Loop 303 study. The traffic forecast will illustrate the base case, and four alternatives for 2020 and 2040. The four alternatives are a New River Road alignment, a Carefree Highway alignment, a Lone Mountain Alignment, and a Dixileta Drive alignment.

12. MAG-ADOT CANAMEX Corridor Study

MAG and ADOT have been jointly conducting a study to determine a route for the Canada to Mexico (CANAMEX) Corridor through the Maricopa region. A draft joint recommendation was presented

11. For information and discussion.

12. For information, discussion and recommendation for the future designation of the CANAMEX Corridor within the Maricopa region to include I-8 between I-10 and SR 85, SR 85 between I-8 and I-10, and the US 93 / US 60 Wickenburg Bypass, with

at a Stakeholder Forum held July 24, 2000 at MAG offices, at which significant comment was received. A revised joint recommendation was presented at open houses and public meetings held August 31, 2000, in Sun City West, September 5, 2000, in Buckeye, and September 7, 2000 in Wickenburg. A presentation was also made at the September 14, 2000, meeting of the Governor's CANAMEX Task Force, which passed two resolutions supporting a preferred direction for the draft recommendations for the study. A draft joint recommendation has been developed to be taken through the MAG Committee process for approval by the Regional Council. A review of proposed revised joint recommendation and the agency, stakeholder and public input received will be presented. Please refer to Attachment Four.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled TRC meeting is Tuesday, October 31, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

the connection between the SR 85/I-10 junction and the Wickenburg Bypass to be designated following additional study but constrained to a location outside of the air quality nonattainment area for particulate matter under ten microns in diameter (PM-10) as specified in the "Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area" (February 2000).

13. For information.

ATTACHMENT ONE

ATTACHMENT TWO

ATTACHMENT THREE

ATTACHMENT FOUR